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TO : U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
ATTN : Examiner Tat Chi Chio
FROM : Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C.
DATE : November 14, 2008
SUBJECT : U.S. Patent Application No. 10/596,109, in the name of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., entitled "Playback Apparatus for Performing Application-Synchronized Playback"; Our Ref: P30027

Dear Examiner Chio:

Thank you for your cooperation in agreeing to schedule a telephone interview on November 18, 2008 at 3:00 PM with Applicant's Representatives Steve Wegman and Jay Bonnamy. We will await your call at (703) 716-1191 at 3:00 pm unless instructed otherwise.

During the telephone interview, we would like to discuss the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, and 7-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Specifically, we would like to discuss the distinctions between the claimed features, as set forth in independent claim 1, and the applied references. Most pertinently, we would like to discuss the assertion on page 3 of the outstanding Office Action that ONISHI teaches the application executor as set forth in independent claim 1. Additionally, we would like to discuss the assertion on page 3 of the outstanding Official Action that ONISHI discloses "the package manager sets the third file to read-only when the application requests generation of the new package information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to our telephone interview.

Best regards.

Bruce H. Bernstein/SW/JPB

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